

12/13
NE
E. J. J. J.
9.12.02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/540,234

Filed: April 3, 2000

For: *Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants*

Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: Shubo ZHOU

Atty. Docket: 38-21(15726)B

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION


Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 5, 2002 (paper number 8),

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment is being facsimile transmitted to the attention of Examiner Shubo Zhou, via facsimile number (703) 308-4242.


David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)September 10, 2002
Date

ARNOLD & PORTER

David R. Marsh, Ph.D.
David_Marsh@aporter.com
202.942.5068
202.942.5999 Fax
555 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004-1206

September 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/540,234
Filed: April 3, 2000
Title: *Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with
Plants*
Inventors: Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 38-21(15726)B

Sir:

The followings are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate); and
2. Amendment After Final Rejection.

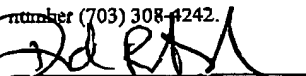
Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence M. Lavin, Jr. (Reg. No. 30,768)
by David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

Attachments

I hereby certify that the foregoing Transmittal letter is being facsimile transmitted to the attention of Examiner Shubo Zhou, via facsimile number (703) 308-4242.


David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

September 10, 2002
Date

ARNOLD & PORTER

202.942.5000
202.942.5999 Fax555 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20004-1206

FAX RECEIVED

SEP 11 2002

GROUP 1600

OFFICIAL

Fax Transmittal

RUSH

September 10, 2002

RUSH

| RECIPIENT NAME(S) | RECIPIENT FAX NUMBER(S) | RECIPIENT TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) | RECIPIENT ROOM #(S) |
|--|---------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Technical Center 1600 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office | (703) 308-4242 | (703) 308-0196 | |
| SENDER | SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER | SENDER'S ROOM NUMBER | |
| David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408) | (202) 942-5243 | 1194A | |
| CLIENT/MATTER NUMBER | TIMEKEEPER NUMBER | NUMBER OF PAGE(S) | |
| Atty. Dkt. No.: 38-21(15726)B | 4998 | We are transmitting 9 page(s) (including this cover sheet) | |
| TRANSMISSION DEADLINE (DATE & TIME) | | ALTERNATE TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL) | |
| This document must be transmitted no later than: September 10, 2002 - ASAP | | Alternate telephone number at which the sender can be reached if there are difficulties with this fax: Deborah R. Hicks at (202) 942-6473 | |
| If you experience difficulty receiving this fax transmission, please contact the operator at 202.942.5837. | | | |
| MESSAGE | | | |

PLEASE CALL EXAMINER Shubo "Joe" ZHUO, at (703) 605-1158 TO PICK-UP.

PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

Information intended only for the use of the addressee named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, please note that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. Anyone who receives this communication in error should notify us immediately by telephone and return the original message to us at the above address via the U.S. Mail.